GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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PURCHASE OF INDIAN WHEAT
KAMAL NATH

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indonesia has stopped buying Indian wheat;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;

(c) the total quantity and amount earned for wheat exported to Indonesia during the last two years;

(d) the steps taken to ensure export of good quality wheat;

(e) whether any enquiry has been conducted to identify the person responsible for export of poor wheat; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a)&(b): No, Sir. However, it has been reported in the newspaper that Bogasari Flour Mills Indonesia, had stopped buying Indian wheat due to quality reasons as the grain had a high dirt content. The newspaper report also states that Bogasari Director did not rule out future purchases from India if the grain quality improved. Indonesia has imported wheat from Indian PSUs, viz. PEC, STC and MMTC, who have reportedly exported 1,66,000 tonnes of wheat to Indonesia during the period November, 2000 to April, 2001.

(c): The quantity and amount earned for wheat exported from the Central Pool to Indonesia during the last two years are as follows:-

1999-2000 (April to March)	Nil
2000-2001 (April to March)	29044 MTs @Rs.4150 per MT exFCI port godowns.

(d): Government has directed the Food Corporation of India to set up cleaning facilities at Kandla Port or any other port from which export takes place. The export of wheat has not been directly undertaken by the Food Corporation of India. The exporters have been given the freedom to identify wheat for export.

(e): No, Sir.

(f): Does not arise.